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Attention Class of 2020

The Wabash Plain Dealer is launching an interactive campaign to celebrate our Wabash County seniors! With COVID-19 disrupting graduation plans and daily life for our students, we want to do something special to commemorate their hard work and memories. We are posting photo challenges at www.facebook.com/ wabashpd and the best submissions will be featured on our website and in a special section published at the end of the school year. Submit your favorite memories to news@wabashplaindealer. com or post your memories and photos to your social media page using the hashtag #WCClassof2020 to participate.

Notice to readers

To reduce risks to our employees and community, the Wabash Plain Dealer is closed to the public until further notice. Payments may be dropped in the mail slot or called in. For news, call 260-225-4662 or email news wabashplaindealer.com. For advertising, call 260-225-4947 or email tcampbell@ pmginmi.com. For circulation and customer support, call 260-563-2131. To bring you the most accurate information about the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, the Wabash Plain Dealer has decided to prioritize news content over sports stories since sporting events are canceled for the time being. The Wabash Plain Dealer is committed to providing the best product to its customers and appreciates the support during this time. Thank you.

Holcomb announces next stage of

re-opening plan In Stage 3, Hoosiers 65 and over and those with high-risk health conditions - who are the most vulnerable to the coronavirus - should remain at home as much as possible. Face coverings in public places are recommended. Hoosiers who can work from home are encouraged to continue to do so. Social gatherings of up to 100 people will be permitted following the CDC's social distancing guidelines. Retail and commercial businesses may open at 75 percent capacity. Shopping malls can open at 75 percent capacity with indoor common areas restricted to 50 percent capacity. Gyms, fitness centers, yoga studios, martial arts studios, and similar facilities may open with restrictions. Class sizes should be limited. Equipment must be spaced to accommodate social distancing and cleaned after each

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'Veggie Plant Party' coming to Living Well sentatives from Living Well Earth without government Through all our time and

Second Harvest tailgate food distribution event set for Thursday

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Second Harvest Food Bank tailgate food distribuweek is a familiar enough sight, but the thousands of live plants being donated alongside it will be new.

The event is set to last from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 28 at the Dallas L. Winchester Senior Center, 239 Bond St., according to Robby Tompkins, director of philanthropy.

quired. All are welcome, regardless of home county. We are requesting that attendees only go through the line one time so we tion event scheduled for this can serve everyone," stated Tompkins. "If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts."

Plants being donated

In response to a Plain Dealer request Friday, Neil Schafer, of Bowser/Scha-"Distribution is while fer Natural Herbal Gardens supplies last. No IDs, proof in Laketon, stated that on of address or need are re- Wednesday, May 27, repre- lies how to survive in this my father, Edward Schafer.

arriving to collect the thousands of vegetable plants at Thursday's event.

produce free as well to them through the season to assist need," stated Schafer. "We are there to help. We care." Schafer stated represen-

tatives from the Bowen Center were also planning to join forces to "to help us with labor for a higher output of produce to families." Schafer stated they have

through the years with produce and plant starting." "(We also teach) fami-

in Wabash County were assistance," stated Schafer. donations we can give back "Living simple is very ... practical. Since the world that are set to be passed out is changing it seems human instinct has kicked in "We will be providing and the need for vegetable Dealer request Friday, Bevplants has grown to great numbers as I've talked with in the county's families in many friends that own nursery's throughout the country and they are selling out. That's where the trend is different from us. We don't plants that they would dissell out, because we donate, tribute. and we will continue to do so as long as we can. By my work of driving truck I'm able to provide the needed finances to keep this operbeen "blessed to be able to help thousands of families ational as well the support not sound like much, but from my mother, Linda this will be quite the un-Schafer, my uncle, Carl

Ray Bowser, as well and

in such a way to the community that value can never be placed on it."

In response to a Plain erly Ferry, CEO of Living Well in Wabash County, stated earlier this spring, they had purchased 300 empty flats for Schafer to plant organic vegetable

"The team is going to pick up the 300 flats from his greenhouses in Laketon the night before the tailgate," she stated. "It might dertaking with just a couple

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Wabash Strong group hangs it up, for now

Local volunteers produced. distributed thousands of fabric face masks

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

After two months of dedicated handiwork by hundreds of local volunteers producing thousands of fabric face masks for health care professionals, seniors and others, the administrators of the Facebook group Wabash Strong have decided to hang

"With a happy and successful heart we have decided to close Wabash Strong," stated Jennifer Van-Hoose-Simpson, co-administrator. "We have distributed over 3,000 masks throughout our community over just a few weeks. We want to thank all those that have volunteered, donated or just shared our page to make this group successful. With the economy opening back up and most of us going back to work, we feel it is time to give big hugs and much love for all your support. Remember we are all in this together."

VanHoose-Simpson thanked fellow administrator Cindy Miller Solloway "for being the true selfless one and taking the time every day to do whatever needed to make this group functional and successful. You are a rock star."

How it all began

In late March, as the COVID-19 was becoming more of a reality each day, Grow Wabash County asked "any of our investors, businesses or individuals that have new, unused dust or N95 masks that they are willing to donate" to bring them to Parkview Wabash Hospital.

Mayor Scott Long approached Rick and Jennifer VanHoose-Simson, owners of Rick's Auto, to see if they had any masks. They didn't. But, later that same evening, Jennia nurse, sent a group text asking who

From there, Jennifer co-founded by then. the Facebook group, Wabash Strong, after a post about the need went vi- clude other donations and pickups



Volunteers with the Wabash Strong Facebook group have produced thousands of masks.

As of Monday, the group had just 5,000 including those. over 1,100 members.

Looking to the future

The group was archived Friday, fer's sister-in-law Shelly VanHoose, May 22, meaning it is now inactive. In a phone interview Sunday, Solloway said they had completed 3,366

Solloway said that didn't even in-

ral. Word spread fast. In the first 12 just between members. She estimathours, there were over 160 members. ed that it brought the total to around

> small pizza party in appreciation for those who had helped, but that it wasn't necessarily the end. "If it comes to where we start need-

Solloway said they would plan a

ing masks again, we'll start to get it back going," she said.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@ wabashplaindealer.com.

ISDH adds another local COVID-19 case; total now 72

Number of local and statewide recovery rates still murky

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Saturday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) added another positive COVID-19 case to Wabash County's count, making the local total 72.

The ISDH still reported two local deaths. On Saturday, the ISDH reported 604 local tests. On Sunday, the ISDH reported 615 local tests. And on Monday, the ISDH reported 624 local tests.

Number of local recovered cases still murky

The ISDH has been less clear about the numbers of recovered cases, especially on a local level.

"We do not have a breakdown of recovery rates by county," stated the Joint Information Center in response to a recent Plain Dealer request.

In response to another recent Plain Dealer request, Rod Craft, executive director of Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester, stated 60 of the 61 employees who previously tested positive for COVID-19 "are back to work serving our residents."

During a televised press conference Friday, May 15, Dr. Kristina Box, state health commissioner, said data gleaned from the study being conducted in partnership with the Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health at IUPUI showed discharge data, which hinted at the state's recovery

Box said 72 percent of hospitalized patients have been discharged, 11 percent likely still hospitalized and 17 percent of hospitalized patients have been known to have died.

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Indiana GOP convention filing deadline passes

Crouch, Hill file for re-election, in addition to three AG challengers STAFF REPORT

A total of five candidates have

filed to seek the Republican nomination this year in races for Indiana lieutenant governor or attorney general, according to Jake communications.

The deadline to file was 5 p.m.

Thursday. "Delegates to the Indiana Republican Party convention will vote on these candidates to

choose the party's nominees for the November general election," stated Oakman.

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch was the sole candidate for her party's nomination for the position. 'Our delegates will unanimous-

ly re-nominate the best lieutenant governor in the country, Suzanne Crouch," stated Kyle Hupfer, chairman of the Indiana Republican Party. "The Holcomb-Crouch Oakman, director of strategic ticket is ready to earn four more years."

In addition to Attorney General Curtis Hill, who has filed for re-election, Nate Harter, Todd

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Retro Reels to launch for the year

One of the 13-24 Drive In's traditions to resume, with voting as usual

STAFF REPORT

Retro Reels will make a comeback as a Drive In "fan favorite" in the 2020 season, according to Morgan Ellis, public relations and marketing coordinator for the Honeywell Foundation. Movie-goers will be invited to vote for

their top five choices of retro films to be shown at the Drive In this year. Voting will go live at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 28.

Tickets for Retro Reels films will be \$6 per carload.

The first two movies to be featured include "Footloose" on Thursday, May 28, and "Raiders of the Lost Ark" on Thursday, June 4, at 890 N. Indiana 13. Gates will open at 7:30 p.m. and the movies will start at approximately 9:30

and 9:45 p.m., respectively. Retro Reels

Real Estate and Rick's Auto Repair & 24 Hour Towing. "To maintain a limited-contact ticketing

are sponsored by Lundquist Appraisals &

method, movie-goers are asked to purchase their tickets online as a necessary safety measure," stated Ellis. "To maintain social distancing efforts within 50 percent capacity, movie-goers will park one vehicle between every pair of poles closest to the left pole, keeping a space of six feet between surrounding vehicles. Limited contact concessions ordering and pickup will be offered online in various packages including admission, popcorn, and beverages. The concessions stand will remain open with a limited menu and social distancing measures in place."

For tickets and more information, visit

1324DriveIn.com.

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TAILGATE

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of us doing it with a box truck that does not go over 40 miles per hour. We will load up the flats Wednesday afternoon, return to Winchester Senior Center and unload.

Ferry stated they are actively seeking volunteers to help load at the greenhouse or to unload and bag the plants at the Senior Center.

"We might have to make multiple trips because we cannot stack the plants," she stated. "All of this could change once we see the plants and the actual quantity.'

anticipating 7,200 plants to divide up among 1,200

sacks "I am referring to it as our 'Veggie Plant Party,'" she stated.

Ferry stated they had never met Schafer before.

"Earlier this spring, he organizations contacted in Wabash County to talk about what he is doing and to solicit help taking care of the produce crop this summer. The produce would then be donated to local groups helping low-income families," she stated. "Mr. uted from Winchester Se- dealer.com. Schaefer described his vision for what he wanted to do. I began to think about the Victory Gardens that everyone had during World War II. I thought it would be great to be able to distribute free, organic vegetable plants to the households with a demonstrated need for food, those attending tailgates.

Ferry stated they could not agree to send volunteers to his property to work in his greenhouses.

"It seemed reasonable to purchase the flats with the understanding that those would come back to Living Well filled with organic vegetable plants for distribution at a tailgate. The last tailgate had more than 1,100 households in attendance. We anticipate as many or more at the upcoming tailgate in May," she stated.

ple without work would probably not have money to buy plants for vegetable gardens or to buy fresh produce this summer. Having never met Mr. Schaefer and never seeing his greenhouse operation I decided to take a leap of faith that a thousand households would want to produce some of their own fresh vegetables.

We will wait and see how

it goes and what feedback

we receive from the tailgate

participants." think they would have any difficulty finding homes for the vegetable plants if they don't all go at the tailgate.

"If necessary, we will Ferry stated they were use Living Well's other programs to distribute the plants," she stated. "Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Wabash County Public Transportation delivers food from pantries in Wabash County, such as Living Well's Community Cupboard Pantry, as well five frozen lunches to each senior who has signed up to do so. The senior lunches come from the kitchen of Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Services in Dealer editor, may be reached by Logansport and are distrib- email at rburgess@wabashplain

"My thought was that peo- nior Center. Wabash County Public Transportation is making around 175 deliveries weekly between the pantry and frozen meals."

Additional upcoming area tailgate events

In addition to Thursday's event in Wabash, Tompkins stated Second Harvest Food Bank had also announced the following times and dates for the area including:

- 10 a.m. to Ferry stated they didn't Wednesday, May 27 at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E. Votaw St, Portland.
 - 10 a.m. to Wednesday, May 27 at First Baptist Church, 709 S. Memorial Drive, New Castle.
 - 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, May 28 at Delta High School, 3400 Indiana 28, Muncie.
 - 10 a.m. to noon Friday, May 29, at Pendleton High School, 1 Arabian Dr, Pendleton.
- 10 a.m. to noon Friday, as once a week delivering May 29 at Mounds Mall, 2109 S Scatterfield Road, Anderson

For more information, visit www.CureHunger.org. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain





How Will It Work for My Business?

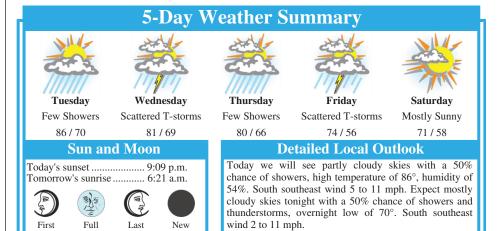
The fund is open to all locally owned and operated businesses impacted by the coronavirus, whether or not they are current advertisers. Grant money can be used for local Wabash Plain Dealer print newspaper and special product advertising between April 28 and June 30, 2020. Grants are available for a minimum of \$200 and a maximum of \$5,000 of matching funds each month. Eg: spend \$200 in advertising, we match with a grant of \$200 additional advertising dollars to equal \$400.

How Do I Apply?

To apply for a dollar for dollar matching advertising grant, applications must be submitted at:

https://www.wabashplaindealer.com/site/forms/advertising_match/, click on the "How Do I?" tab and Apply for a "Matching Advertising Grant". The Wabash Plain Dealer will respond within 48 hours. A community newspaper is only ever as strong as the community it serves. We know businesses and workers are hurting, we're hurting too. But if we can pull together as a community, we can weather this.

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Chondrocalcinosis causes goutlike pain in joints

painful. I know it's simi- nonsteroidal lar to gout,

though it is Elizabeth Ko um crystals Ask the rather than What urea. treatments can help with pain? I don't want to have a second knee replacement.

Doctors

DEAR READ-ER: You're correct that the term chondrocalcinosis refers to a buildup of calcium crystals, specifically calcium pyrophosphate dihydrate crystals, within a joint. seen in the knee, but can also affect the elbow, shoulder, more serious cases. If your replies cannot be provided. wrist and ankle joints. The accumulated crystals in the joint trigger an immune response, which results in inflammation, stiffness, swelling and pain within the joint. Episodes can last anywhere from several days to several months. The condition is often detected via an X-ray, which makes it possible to see the accumulation of calcium deposits. It's a tricky diagnosis, though, because stiff and aching joints, and additional symptoms such as warmth and redness, are also common to osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. For a definitive diagnosis, a bit of fluid is removed from an inflamed joint and tested for the presence of calcium pyrophosphate crystals.

Anyone can develop chondrocalcinosis, but the risk rises significantly with advancing age. According to some estimates, it's found in up to one-fifth of people over the age of 60, and in half of those 90 and older. As with gout, the condition can cause both short- and long-term swelling in the articulated, or movable, joints. Some people have flare-ups in more than one joint, and some also ex-

periences a low-grade fever. Although a specific cause for chondrocalcinosis hasn't yet been identified, it is seen more often in people who have high blood levels of calcium (hypercalcemia), of iron (hemochromatosis), or hypomagnesemia, which is too little magnesium. Diet does not appear to play a role in flare-ups.

We're sorry to say that at this time, there is no known way to dissolve or remove the calcium pyrophosphate crystals within the joint. Instead, the emphasis is on managing the condition. The goal is to ease inflammation and pain and to

READERS' CHOICE REPORTS

SUNDAY'S **LOTTERIES**

Cash 5 01-07-14-24-42 Estimated jackpot: \$80,000 Daily Three-Midday 5-0-8, SB: 1 **Daily Three-Evening** Daily Four-Midday 8-8-9-3, SB: 1 **Daily Four-Evening** 8-8-6-8. SB: 2 Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$313 million **Powerball** Estimated jackpot: \$114 million

MONDAY'S METALS

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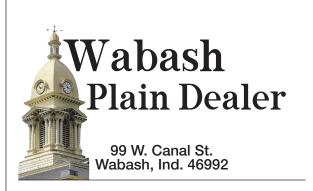
beans: \$8.25.

remove fluid from the joint, to provide you with a referral. along with an injection of

limiting flare-ups.

DEAR DOCTOR: I was re- limit the degenerative tissue particular case of chondrocently diagnosed with chon- damage that the condition calcinosis is severe enough drocalcinosis, which is quite can cause. During flare-ups, that this has been presented anti-inflam- as an option, we recommend matory drugs, or NSAIDs, that you seek guidance from can ease pain, stiffness and a rheumatologist. These are due to calci- & Eve Glazier swelling. For people who physicians who specialize in take blood thinners, or those the diagnosis and treatment who have stomach ulcers or of musculoskeletal disease poor kidney function, the and have an expertise in this use of NSAIDs may not be painful and sometimes debilan option. In those cases, itating condition. Your health an aspiration procedure to care provider should be able

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Page Ashton Brannum

Feb. 15, 1990 - May 21, 2020

Paige Ashton Brannum, 30, of Peru, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, May 21, 2020 at Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne. She was born February 15, 1990 in Wabash to Mitchell and Tammy (Ritchie) Brannum. She was a graduate of North Miami High School and was currently studying Criminal Justice, hoping to become a prosecutor someday. She had also worked as a Hair Stylist. Paige enjoyed all kinds of music, watching TV and movies, doing crafts and playing games with her children, they meant everything to her.

Surviving family include Tammy Brannum of Peru; uncles. her children Jalyn Lee and Ryland Mitchell Nugent service will be held at riverviewfhperu.com



vived by her brother Levi Brannum and fiancée Lizzy Deeds, her grandfather, on the tab for Donations "Pap" Frank Ritchie both of her parents, Mitchell and Peru, and several aunts and Riverview funeral home

A celebration of life with arrangements. www.

Ben B. Smith

Jan. 9, 1926 - May 23, 2020

Ben B. Smith, 94, of Lagro, passed away at 9:45 p.m. on Friday, May 23, 2020 at Wellbrooke of Wabash. He was born on January 9, 1926, in Lunenburg, Arkansas, to the late Willie and Lillie F. (Shannon) Smith. Ben married Shirley A. Fendrick on November 10, 1951; she passed away on

August 29, 2011. Ben served in the United States Army during World Duffy and Courtney (Neil) War 2 and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He retired, in sons, Adin Stephens, Warren be left for the family on our 1988, from the railroad as a Greenspan and Elijah Duffy; freight agent. Since 1950, he one brother, Eudell (Shirley) funerals.com.



Transportation Union. the Christian Heritage Church in Wabash. Ben is survived by

two sons, Dr. Dale (Deana) Smith, of Elgin, Oklahoma and Paul (Linda) Smith, of Lagro; five grandchildren, Jamie (Brett) Stephens, Lynn (Andrew) Green-Smith, Kaitlin (Andrew) Miller; three great-grand-

was a member of the Smith, of Melbourne, Arkansas and one sister, Eudene Ben was a member of Holt, of West Plains, Missouri. He was preceded in death by four brothers and three Due to COVID concerns,

3:00 p.m. Thursday, May

28, 2020 at Riverview Fu-

neral Home in Peru. Buri-

al will follow in Mt. Hope

Cemetery in Peru. Visitation

the funeral home. The fam-

dress casually. Please con-

sider making a donation to

raise much needed funds

to cover the funeral ex-

penses and to set up a trust

fund for her children. No

donation is too small and

your support would be greatly appreciated. Simply click

on her obituary webpage.

in Peru has been entrusted

the family will have private services. The family is planning a celebration of life to be held at a later date. Preferred memorials are

span, Cory (Angel Nance) to the Christian Heritage Church, 2776 River Road, Wabash, IN 46992.

Online condolences can website at www.mcdonald

will be held from 1:00 p.m. until the time of services at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday at Workman ily requests that you please

May 23, 2020. Born June 10, 1958 in Ko-

Randel E. "Randy" Workman, 61, Lagro, passed away

komo, Indiana, Randy was one of two children born to Grant and Mary Alice (Baker)

J. Stanley "Stan" Myers,

74, of Wabash, Indiana, died

at 6:49 pm, Friday, May 22,

2020 at Peabody Healthcare

Center in North Manchester,

after a long battle with Lewy

Body Dementia. He was born

March 4, 1946 in Wabash, to

Lawrence Eugene and Pauline

Stan was a 1964 graduate of Wabash High School, and

a 1968 graduate of Ball State

University. He married Patricia "Patsy" Vrooman at the

Wabash Christian Church on

November 25, 1967. He was

the second generation owner of

Ecowater Systems in Wabash.

Stan was a member of the First

United Methodist Church in

Wabash, and a longtime mem-

ber and chairman of the Cross-

roads Bank Board of Direc-

tors. He enjoyed golfing and

boating, was a car enthusiast,

Church of Christ, Wabash.

(Helminger) Myers.

Randel E. 'Randy' Workman

June 10, 1958 - May 23, 2020

The loving memory of Randel E. "Randy" Workman will be forever cherished by his mother, Mary Alice Workman; wife, Lisa Workman; three daughters, Leslie Workman, Tiffany (Shane) Smith; Michelle Workman; sister, to McKee Mortuary.

Judy (Gary) Johnson; and eight grandchildren. Randy was preceded in death by his father, Grant Workman.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted

J. Stanley 'Stan' Myers



and especially was proud of his 1955 Chevy. He cherished his family and the time spent with them.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia "Patsy" Myers, two sons, Brian (Shelly) Myers and Jeffrey (Whitney) Myers, and four grandchildren, Cason Myers, Quinn Myers, Mia Myers,

Wabash, and his brother, Greg L. (Barbara) Myers of Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be

and Caroline Myers, all of

10:00 am Thursday, May 28, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Rev. Jonathan Cornell, Pastor Nathan Whybrew, and Pastor John Cook officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-8 pm Wednesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are the Friendship Hill Playground Endowment at the Wabash County Community Foundation or Delay the Disease at the Wabash County YMCA.

The memorial guest book for Stan may be signed at www. grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Michael L. Culver

Funeral services for Mi- officiated. Eulogy by Andy Jordan Culver and Mike's Culver, Mike's son. Muchael L. Culver, 59, of rural Wabash, Indiana, were sicians were Michael and and Jason Culver. 10:30 am, Monday, May Cheryl Eaton, Tracey Sny-25, 2020, at Bachelor Creek der, and Casey Dyson Pallbearers were Mike's sons Solomon David, Mike Nathan Culver, Andy Cul-Duggan, and Brian Daniels ver, Brandon Culver, and

nephews Jeremy Culver

Burial was in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Arrangements by Grandstaff -Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

DOR customer walk-in centers reopening for appointment-only service

Customers can schedule appointments online or by phone

STAFF REPORT

The Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR) is now accepting appointments for in-person customer service starting Tuesday, May 26, according to a press release.

Locations reopening include the district offices in lobby. Bloomington, Clarksville, Columbus, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Kokomo, Lafayette, walk-in center will be open for appointments starting

Customers can schedule an appointment online er service line at 317at Appts.dor.in.gov or by calling customer service di- 4:30 p.m. Monday through rectly using the information Friday. provided below:

- office.
- Call 317-615-7200 to Services.
- information. When customers arrive

webpage at dor.in.gov/3390.

for their scheduled appoint- dor.in.gov/4331.htm to take ment, they will need to call advantage of other online the customer service phone services available. number posted on the DOR customer service represen-

Customers entering the ments: Indianapolis walk-in center, Government Center North, will check in with the receptionist inside the DOR

answered and services performed without visiting Merrillville, Muncie, South a district office location. will wear masks. Bend and Terre Haute, Before making an appointalong with DOR's Motor ment for an in-person visit, Carrier Services custom- customers are encouraged er center. The Indianapolis to contact DOR directly by phone or email. Customers have the following at-home service options:

- Call DOR's custom-232-2240, from 8 a.m. to
- Contact a specific DOR ■ Call 317-232-2240 to business unit using a list of the downtown Indianapolis addresses available at dor. in.gov/3325.htm.
- Visit the Motor Carrier schedule an appointment Services page at in.gov/dor/ with DOR's Motor Carrier mcs.htm for online services fever within the past week? and a list of phone numbers ■ Visit the District Office and email addresses.
- htm for additional contact the online form at dor.in-.gov/3392.htm.

Following entrance door to receive ana State Department of further instruction from a Health's (ISDH) guidelines, DOR has implemented the following for all appoint-

- All DOR locations with located within the Indiana in-person customer service will have glass or plastic partitions between the customer and employee.
- Hand sanitizer will be Many questions can be available to both employees and customers.
 - DOR team members
 - Masks are highly recommended for DOR cus-

Before arriving for an in-person appointment, customers should perform a self-assessment by answering the following questions:

- Have you had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past
- Are you currently ill? schedule an appointment at phone numbers and email Do you have symptoms of a cold, cough or shortness of
 - Do you currently have a fever or have you had a If any customer answers

"yes" to any of these ques-■ Email DOR using tions, he or she should cancel the appointment and contact a healthcare provid-■ Visit DOR's website at

CASE

Statewide figures

On Monday, the ISDH, announced that 354 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) private laboratories. That brings to 31,715 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's total.

A total of 1,832 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an in-

crease of 8 over the previous Individuals without sympday. Another 152 probable toms who are at high risk positive test is on record, previous day's total. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple

To date, 226,251 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 220,801 on Sunday. Hoosiers who have symp-

toms of COVID-19 and those who have been exposed and need a test to return to work are encouraged to visit a state-sponsored testing site for free testing.

deaths have been reported because they are over age based on clinical diagno- 65, have diabetes, obesises in patients for whom no ty, high blood pressure or another underlying condifollowing a correction to the tion, as well as those who are pregnant, live with a high-risk individual or are a member of a minority population that is at greater risk for severe illness, also are encouraged to get tested.

> To find testing locations around the state, visit www. coronavirus.in.gov click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplain dealer.com.

first time our convention will

FILING

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Rokita and John Westercamp have filed to run.

"Due to necessary restrictions on large gatherings because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the convention will

be held in a virtual format. Candidate speeches will be by WISH-TV and delegates will vote by mail," stated Oakman.

Winners will be announced on July 10.

"Our party is excited for this historic convention, the

be broadcast live, statewide broadcast and streamed live on television," stated Hupfer. "The route we've taken to get to this point has been unusual compared to previous years, but the destination will be the same: Republican victories up and down the ballot in November."

Stouffers Celebrate 65 Years

Rural Wabash couple, Donald and Doris Stouffer, will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Friday May 29 at home with their family. Don Stouffer and the former Doris Millican were united in marriage on May 29, 1955 in the Wabash Friends Church where they have been lifelong members. Don is the son of Carl and Esther (Whistler)

Stouffer, and Doris's parents were Lawrence (LJ) and Mamie (Grafft) Millican.

Both Don and Doris are graduates of Linlawn High School, and Don is a 1953 graduate of the Purdue University agriculture short course.

Following their marriage they began farming in Noble Township. They grew corn, soybeans, and wheat, raised a few hogs, and fed beef cattle until 1999. Mrs. Stouffer was a teller and bookkeeper at the Wabash County Farm Bureau Credit Union prior to the arrival of their children.

They raised four children, Diane (Brad) DeWitte, Denise, Dale (Kelly), and Dean (Cheryl). Their tribe has since increased with grandchildren Parker (Katie) Stouffer, Jared (Kari) Stouffer, Jonah (Gynnae) Stouffer, and Kathryn Caroline Stouffer. Their great-grandchildren include Adrian Stouffer, Riley Stouffer and

Don and Doris live on the farm and in the house on France Road, 3682 W 400 S, Wabash, IN, where Don was born. Doris enjoys flower gardening and is especially talented at establishing perennials. Don helps with planting and harvest on the farm in addition to running parts and keeping tabs on the family.

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use. No contact activities are permitted. Community pools may open according to CDC guidance. Community tennis and basketball courts, soccer and baseball fields, YMCA programs, and similar facilities may open with social gathering and social distancing guidelines in place. Community recreational youth and adult sports leagues may resume practices and conditioning while adhering

to social gathering and social distancing guidelines. Contact sports, such as lacrosse and football, are prohibited, but conditioning and non-contact drills may take place. Youth summer day camps may open on June 1. Raceways may open with restrictions and no spectators. Campgrounds may open restrictions, including social distancing and sanitation precautions. State park inns will reopen. Restaurants and bars with restaurant services may continue to operate at 50 percent capacity, but bar seating

must remain closed. Personal services such as hair salons, barbershops, nail salons, spas and tattoo parlors may continue to be open by appointment only and must follow social distancing guidelines. Movie theaters and playgrounds, which had been projected to open in stage 3, will remain closed. Movie theaters are now projected to open along with other entertainment facilities and venues during stage 4. Playgrounds are to be determined. For more information, visit BackOnTrack.

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SPEAK UP

How to contact your legislators:

U.S. Sen. Todd Young, R-Ind.

B33 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 1-202-224-5623 http://young.senate.gov/ contact

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419 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 202-225-3915

State Sen. Andy Zay, **R-District 17**

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A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@ wabashplaindealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Matthew 5:9

OUR TAKE

Racist tropes are not cheeky

There is a point in time where constitutes honest mistakes.

This moment came long ago for Indiana State Rep. Jim Lucas, yet he still remains in office, casting a dark shadow on the state of Indiana with his reprehensible rhetoric.

Lucas makes headlines not for his policy endeavors. He makes headlines for posting controversial comments and photos that depict African Americans in a bad light before calling his accusers racists.

He ought to know what he is doing, and if he doesn't, he isn't fit for public office.

Lucas made headlines in August of last year after he posted a photo that depicted a noose under a news article about an African American man who pleaded guilty to a rape charge. He defended that post, saying his actions were not racist.

His post is completely indefensible. There are plenty of other ways he could have communicated the message he claims to be trying to make. He made a choice to use a noose as a symbol of the death penalty even though a vast majority of states do not allow hangings as a way to carry out capital punishment.

You cannot claim ignorance when America has a well-documented history of public lynchings of African Americans and when you go out of your way to use a photo of a noose,

something that hasn't been used There is a point in time where sometimes are a series of blunders no longer to carry out the death penalty in our state since a black man was hung in 1907, when you could use a photo of an electric chair or lethal injection table to make the same point.

Using an antiquated symbol of the death penalty that has strong ties to violence against African Americans is not appropriate no matter how much Lucas or his supporters try to spin it.

To add salt to the wound, Lucas made headlines again this week when he posted a photo of black children dancing with the words, "We gon' get free money," superimposed on the image.

"It was just a tongue-in-cheek meme that I personally made up to mock the fact that government is taxing our children and grandchildren, putting debt upon their backs to distribute money after they made everybody desperate," he said in a video posted to his Facebook page.

Again, Lucas refuses to apologize for his actions, saying the people calling him racist are the ones who are in fact racist.

His actions again completely ignore the terrible history of racism in America. Civil rights groups are still fighting to this day to change the negative depiction of African Americans in the media and the damage it causes. America has a history of white men perpetuating racist tropes like the disgusting, demeaning caricatures of Jim Crow,

Mammy, Sambo, Jezebel and other terrible cartoons - that only seek to make African Americans appear to be inferior to white people.

While we see more diverse depictions of African Americans in the media today, posting a photo that depicts African American children as elated to get free money from the government using grammatically incorrect text perpetuates these baseless tropes people are fighting so hard to reverse.

These insensitive memes come after Lucas shared an image with the caption "Wanna know who loves you more... your wife or your dog? Lock them both in your trunk and see who's happy to see you when you let them

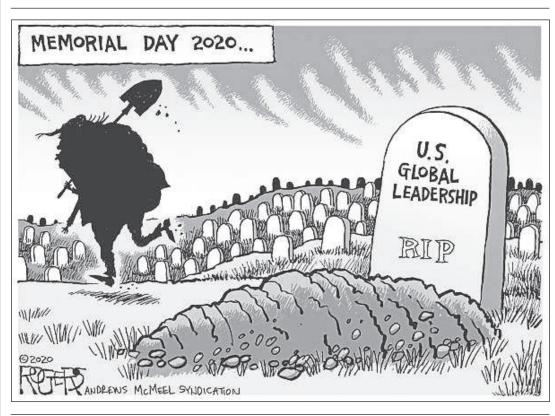
His claims of sensitivity to racism and sexism are meaningless when he fails to understand how his messages perpetuate negative stereotypes that harm historically marginalized members of society, especially when he fails to learn from his so-called blunders.

This isn't about political correctness. It's about basic human decency.

We should not allow public leaders to degrade our society and teach future generations that perpetuating damaging stereotypes is all in good fun.

There's nothing funny about racism or sexism.

Both have no place in our society.



The rituals of 2020

lthough I'm not physically Ain Columbia as I write this, I am virtually, as I plan shortly to attend the medical school graduation of a young

Kathleen **Parker**



friend. Allison's parents and sister arrived from Boston a few days ago to share the ceremony, if only symbolically. All are convening at my son's

house to enjoy the ceremony, while I, tucked a couple of hours away, will attempt to tune in by computer.

It is a wholly unsatisfying circumstance in many respects. Allison, like thousands of graduates across the country, will miss the glorious walk across a stage to receive her diploma, thereby joining generations of previous graduates in a ritual meant both to congratulate accomplishment and to launch a fresh beginning.

The Accomplishment and Beginning stand, with or without a procession. But forever missed will be that moment when your name is called, when all eyes are upon you, when your hand connects to the parchment – and all pause to mark a moment that transcends the ordinariness of life, which will return soon enough.

Some graduates will still savor the traditional ceremony as some states and communities choose to allow life to return to normal. But it seems fitting that a medical school would take extra care in protecting its graduates, many of whom will be dispersing to begin residencies and, in many cases, join the cadre of those fighting for the lives of COVID-19

patients. Wading into the pandemic's petri dish would be a daunting prospect for anyone but especially for recent graduates who must immediately face worst-case scenarios that could also infect or kill them.

My hat is off to these young centurions, who in a very real sense are true commanders of this disease-stricken century.

These lost graduations are, of course, trivial compared to the lives lost to pandemic, but even their absence remind us of why such rituals matter. Simply put, they connect us to the past and future in a continuum of human experience that lends meaning to our existence. Rituals provide rest stops for the soul and reasons to believe that life has purpose. No small thing, that.

Religion is the most obvious construction for ritualizing meaning. Religious ritual helps us reconnect to community, to the greater good, the higher power, and to the everlasting. Ritual also defuses anxiety. Thus, it has been since the first instant of consciousness. While the ancients may have feared weather and contrived mythical figures to help them cope, we face alienation in a secular, high-tech world that promises non-human intelligence. Ritual connects us to our primordial selves and turns madness into magic.

The greater our anxiety, the more intensely we act out our rituals, which may explain the prevalence of obsessive-compulsive disorder. We may not wash our hands with a fresh bar of soap each time, as Jack Nicholson's character did in "As Good as It Gets," but we certainly are washing our hands a lot. I wonder if we're not creating a germ-obsessed society that will make us even

more anxious, creating a cycle of sickness without disease, assuming we are someday able to tame the predatory coronavirus.

Funerals, we understand, bring "closure," a word I avoid because it tends to trivialize the transcendent. But funerals do close one door while opening another, allowing us to bid farewell and to place a semi-colon at the end of the departed's life. I've always like to think that requiescat in pace is but preface to a longer story.

In my southern culture, funerals are immediately followed by the ritual of casseroles and cocktails. Pimento cheese sandwiches and pickled shrimp miraculously turn tears of sorrow into tears of joy, probably because we're happy to be alive but also because we find comfort in knowing that these rituals will be repeated for us someday. That is a calming thought.

Less so is that many young people will be deprived of their rite of passage into the adult world this year, though new rituals have evolved to fill the void. One of them looks like this: Allison, her parents and sister are seated in the bedroom of my son John's house where the TV had the proper hookups. There they watched a series of pre-recorded speeches and a slideshow production of the graduates. Yes, they applauded when Allison's name came up.

Things didn't go quite as planned, obviously, but virtual communion and celebration are now part of the enduring human story of 2020. To all of those who marched in their hearts, here's to you – and to better days to come. Well done.

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Don't expand the trade war

If the media buzz is true, the Trump Admin-Listration will use the solemn occasion of Memorial Day weekend to further expand the disastrous trade war with China. This time, he will use the global pandemic as an excuse to restrict imports of medicine and medical devices. This is a bad policy that will raise healthcare costs

Michael **Hicks**



on Americans while doing nothing to boost U.S. jobs. It is nothing more than a cynical ploy to divert attention from an erratic and unfocused response to this pandemic. Before explaining why this is such an imprudent turn of events, I must report some truths about China's govern-

ment that the Trump adminis-

tration is unwilling to say out loud. The People's Republic of China is a deeply evil enterprise. Right now, they have more people in concentration camps than did Hitler at the height of his powers. Their government scoffs at the value of the individual, and they export a malicious presence across Asia and Africa. If we lived in a moderately just world, tens of thousands of Chinese government officials would face Nurem-

burg-type trials for crimes against humanity.

None of these should be new revelations to a sentient adult. The Chinese government has been the scourge of freedom since the 1950s. I know it firsthand, having faced and destroyed Chinese tanks in Iraq nearly 30 years ago. Defeating this criminal regime will require decades of robust international cooperation and bipartisan agreement on policy goals. That is how we beat the Soviet Union, an experience upon which the Trump administration displays a curious silence. Trade can be a weapon in conflict between nations, but our policies simply turn that weapon against ourselves. Here's how.

A goal of national economic self-sufficiency is as wise and practical as a goal of family self-sufficiency. For both families and nations, trade allows us to buy things we cannot efficiently produce ourselves. Trade also boosts our productivity by allowing us to specialize in things we can produce efficiently. Trade enables more competition between firms, which reduces prices and increases productivity. This occurs whether the firms we trade with are in Ohio or Beijing.

It is important to acknowledge that competition, productivity growth and trade all displace jobs. Businesses that cannot effectively compete close, and their assets and workers are absorbed by other businesses. This surely disrupts families and communities, but it is an inevitable part of progress. If it were not, we'd all still be making our own clothes and churning our own butter.

Perhaps the best evidence of the benefit of trade is actually the "China Shock" period after 2001, when China was given Permanent Normalized Trade Relations. Since then, American factories lost as many as 1.5 million jobs to Chinese factories. Another 1.5 million jobs were reclassified from manufacturing to business services, as workers went from making things to servicing the machines that made things. Another 2 million or more factory jobs were eliminated due to productivity growth. But, even as factories lost 5 million jobs, the rest of the economy created 23 million jobs to replace them.

Trade among families, states and regions makes all of these places better off. This truth was well understood long before germ theory, but perhaps that is a poor example given the Trump Administration's marathon intellectual struggles with germ theory.

Free trade is such a robust wealth creation machine that few nations will abandon it because of American temper tantrums. Most of the rest of the world has the same concerns over China that the United States had well before the 2016 elections. They steal intellectual property and prop up their own industries, while ignoring 19th century notions of civil rights. In fact, the rest of the world worked hard to help control China by creating something called the Trans-Pacific Partnership. That trade deal would've forced China to end its most obnoxious practices or face trade limits. The TPP did something else important, it acknowledged America's international role as leader of free nations.

America's retreat from global trade weakens us domestically by slowing economic growth. It weakens us internationally by deserting the post of international leadership won through the power of our ideals, the blood of our servicemen and the wisdom of our national leaders over the past century.

The expansion of this trade war damages American prospects in the 21st century. It makes us less able to confront China or secure a safer, more prosperous world. Wrapping a trade war in the flag is noxious and dishonors those whom we remember this Memorial Day. In the end, there's no better way to say it than to simply note that those who argue that the ongoing trade war makes the United States more prosperous or safe are either stupid or think the people listening to them are.

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

Man has nonchalant attitude about locking up at night

DEAR ABBY: My husband has a bad habit of forgetting to lock up our house at night when he's the last one to come to bed. On nine occasions

I have gone downstairs after he's in bed or awakened in the morning to find our sliding patio door or a garage door unlocked.

Abby

Dear

I cannot understand why

this isn't a priority for him. If I'm the last one to come up for the night, I make sure each door is locked, lights are off, etc. It takes me less than a minute. We live in a suburb, and while our neighborhood is relatively safe and quiet, I'm not naive. I realize anything can happen anywhere.

We have two large dogs, but I have no idea how they'd react to an intruder. Frankly, I don't want to find out the hard way. The most frustrating thing about this is, when I try to talk to him about it the next day, he blows it off and says our dogs would never let anyone get far, or he makes a joke about it. I've tried many different approaches, from being calm and sweet to solutions-focused: "How can I help you remember?

Recently, likely because I'm 37 weeks pregnant with our second child, I lost it and chewed him out after I waddled out of bed to go downstairs and found our sliding door unlocked. Needless to say, it didn't work very well.

I'm at my wits' end. It was one thing when it was just the two of us, but now we're about to have two kids under 2, and I get furious thinking he could be putting all of us in danger. He has taken no responsibility or steps toward fixing this.

I have now reached the conclusion that when I'm home, I must be the one who assumes the responsibility of ensuring our home is secure before we go to bed. But what if I fall asleep early or if I have to travel for work? Any ideas on how to address this with him? Losing Sleep Over This

DEAR LOSING: You have already addressed this with your husband. That he is so careless about the safety of his wife and children is shocking. He appears to be very imma-

Because he seems incapable of assuming any responsibility for locking up, you are going to have to do it. There are high-tech ways to remotely lock doors from afar, and you should explore that option.

Also, for your own peace of mind, have a professional dog trainer or other experienced dog person enter your home through the unlocked door while you and your husband are upstairs because, while the dogs might not attack a stranger, they might alert you to the presence of an intruder. I suggest this because many years ago my very tame German shepherd did exactly

DEAR ABBY: Due to the coronavirus epidemic, handshaking is no longer being practiced. I have never been a fan of handshaking anyway. In the future, it may be acceptable to forgo handshaking altogether. What will be the best way to avoid it without seeming unfriendly or germophobic? – Resisting In Minnesota

DEAR RESISTING: Try doing what I do. I place both palms together in front of my chest as though praying, smile and greet the person. No one has been offended by it, and it's a common way people greet each other in India.

DEAR READERS: Along with the millions of Americans who are observing this Memorial Day, I add my prayer of thanks for those courageous men and women who sacrificed their lives in service to our country. May they rest in peace. – Abby

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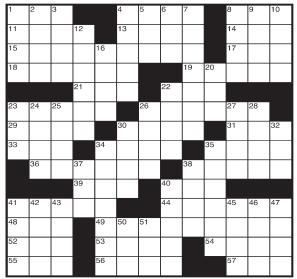
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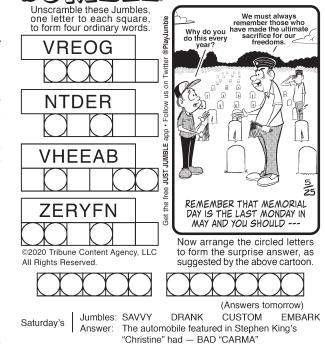
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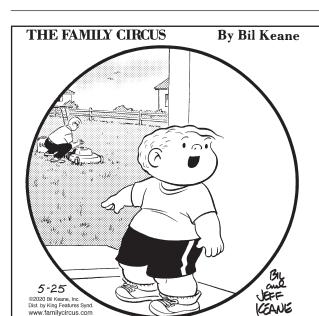
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek





"Daddy's gonna turn our grass

into a lawn again!"

BEETLE BAILEY



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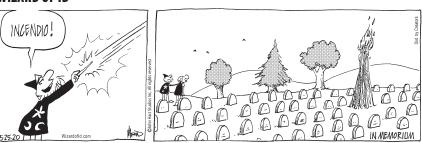
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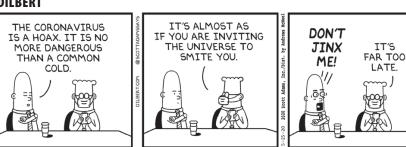
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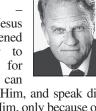
Prayer is the key that opens the treasures of God's mercies

From the writings of the the way to Him. We gain ac-Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Why do Christians think it is important to pray in the name of Jesus? - J.N.**Billy**

derful Name reminds us and those listening and watching that Jesus opened has the door to Heaven for

A: This won-



Graham

My Answer

us. We approach Him, and speak directly to Him, only because of what He has done for us. The phrase "in Jesus' Name", is not a magic formula we add in order to make God answer our prayers. God answers our prayers solely because of His Son, Jesus Christ.

God knows what is best for us. When we pray, therefore, we seek God's will in our prayers. This pleases Him because He wants to show us the way to life, the way to peace;

cess to the Lord by faith in Him which brings us into His wonderful grace (Romans 5:1-2).

Thank God for the wonderful privilege of prayer. It should be an integral part of our lives at all times. "We will give ourselves continually to prayer" (Acts 6:4). In the morning, prayer is the

key that opens to us the treasures of God's mercies and blessings; in the evening, it is the key that envelops us under His protection and safeguard.

Throughout Scripture we see Jesus demonstrating the power of prayer as He prayed to His Father in Heaven. How much more should we go to Him in prayer? Nothing can replace a daily time spent alone with God in prayer. We can also be in an attitude of prayer throughout the day sitting in a car or at our desks or visiting with someone in the neighborhood. "Let us therefore come boldly... that we may obtain [God's] mercy and find grace" (Hebrews 4:16).

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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Previous Solution: "The most significant piece of advice my father gave me early on about acting was, 'Don't get caught acting.'" — Kiefer Sutherland

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Sister is jealous of the happy life woman made for herself

DEAR ABBY: I recently lost a lot of weight and finally felt confident enough to start dating. I met a wonder-

ful man I'll "Teddy." been We've together for eight months, and I can see a future with him. He has some quirks with intimacy that he's



Dear

working on and a few odd habits he is trying to break. I have my own eccentricities as well, but we are doing it together.

The problem is my sister. Ever since I started losing weight and trying to improve myself, she has become incredibly jealous. She has taken to making backhanded comments as often as she can. We had a huge fight where we didn't talk for two months because she thought I had "changed too much." The real reason was I wouldn't let her borrow a super expensive dress of mine.

I used to spend every weekend at her house hanging out with her. I would do her grocery shopping, lend her anything she wanted and defer to her because I was lonely. But now I spend most weekends with Teddy generally enjoying my life. She seems bitter that I no longer let her walk over me like a doormat. She keeps saying I should break up with Teddy so I can prioritize her again, and she tries to start fights between Teddy and me.

Abby, my sister is married and has a kid. She doesn't need me around so she won't be lonely. I don't want to cut her off because I love my nephew and would like to be part of his life. I also don't want to have to choose between my family and having a life that doesn't revolve around them. Please help me. - Changing My Life

DEAR CHANGING: If your description is accurate, you exist in your sister's universe only to fulfill her needs. That she would attempt to sabotage your relationship with Teddy is shameful. It should not be necessary to choose between Teddy and your family. What you must do is establish firm boundaries with her, enforce them and not knuckle under to the pressure she is exerting.

DEAR ABBY: I found \$17 in the pocket of an old coat (great feeling – it felt like free money!) and used it to buy myself some fast food. My fiancee is upset (which I think is uncalled for) that I didn't get her anything. That restaurant is expensive, and it's hard to buy two meals for that price. Plus, it was my money.

I think I should be allowed to spend money I find, especially since it was in my coat. Unfortunately, she didn't get any dinner that night. It has been a week now, and she's still upset with me about it. I never get anything for myself, and I feel I deserved a treat.

When I told her that night if she wanted dinner she should have looked for her own \$17 in a coat, she threw my Xbox controller at me. It missed. It hit the wall and broke. Now I have to search through all my pockets because those controllers cost a lot more than \$17. - Quarantined In Indiana

DEAR QUARANTINED: And your question is? This is how you treat your fiancee? The least you could have done was get her a side of fries to eat with whatever was in the fridge as a main course. If you and this girl are still together, it's time for some serious apologies. On the plus side, now that the Xbox is history, you will have more time to work on your relationship.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA

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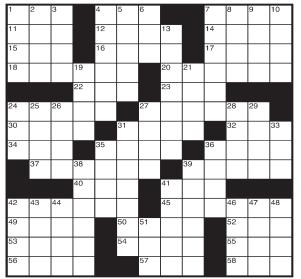
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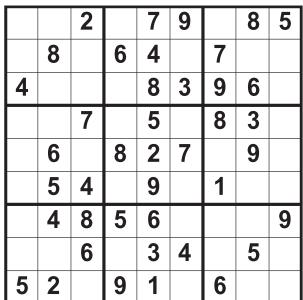
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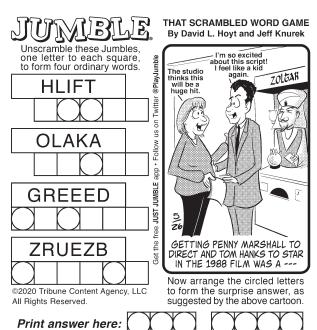
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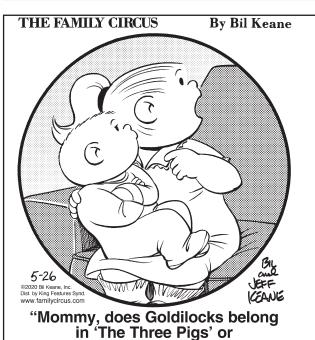


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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9



(Answers tomorrow) Jumbles: GROVE TREND **BEHAVE** FRENZY Yesterday's Remember that Memorial Day is the last Monday in May and you should - NEVER FORGET



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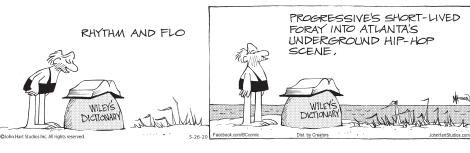




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Q: I make annual contribupoint them to the greatest gift tions to many humanitarian of all - God's gift of His Son organizations, yet my church tells me that

isn't the same Billy as a tithe. Graham Why does My Answer God need money when everything is

at His command? - C.T.A: At least two things happen when

we give. First, when we give with the right attitude, God reminds us that what we have isn't really

ours. He gives us everything we have; it all belongs to Him. King David prayed, "All things come from You, and of Your own we have given You" (1 Chronicles 29:14). We need to learn this important truth. Second, when we give, we

help meet the needs of oth-

ers whom God also loves. By

giving to others we testify to

God's love for them, and we

for our salvation.

God does not "need" our money to get His work done. He is sovereign and could do it without our help. Yet He has arranged it so that His work often is done through the generosity of His own people as a means to glorify Him in all that we do – even the expenditure of our funds. He entrusts His people to be responsible and generous because it blesses Him and others.

Someone has said that our lives should resemble channels, not reservoirs. A reservoir stores water; a channel distributes it. God wants us to be channels of blessing to others. We are only stewards of the world's resources. They are not ours; they are God's. When we find our security in Him, we can then give generously from what He has entrusted to us. This is our Christian duty, and the true believer gives with a cheerful heart (2 Corinthians 9:7).

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by far Each letter in the cipher stands for an us people, past and present

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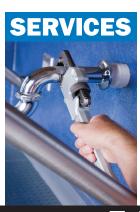
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Celebrating Northfield graduates

Northfield commencement ceremony set for July 19

Levi Fulkerson and Alyssa McKillip are co-valedictorians; Gage Watkins is salutatorian

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Northfield Jr./Sr. High School's graduation date has been set for 2 p.m. Sunday, 154 W. 200 North, according to MSD.

"If the state does not progress through the back on track stages as anticipated the location may change, but there will be a graduation ceremony on July 19," stated MSD.

Graduation practice for seniors has been set for 10 a.m. Saturday, July 18 at NHS.

"The administration and faculty of Northfield Jr./ Sr. High School recognizes the tremendous effort that co-valedictorians Levi Fulkerson and Alyssa McKillip, and salutatorian Gage Watkins put into their speeches. We want to give them the honor of being the first to present their speeches to the public. Therefore, we are withholding publication of their speeches until after Northfield's commencement ceremony on July 19," stated

Prom has been "tentatively" set for Saturday, July 11, with the location and time to be determined at a later date.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.



July 19 in the gymnasium, Levi Fulkerson is co-valedicto-



Alyssa McKillip is co-valedicto-



Gage Watkins is salutatorian.

Northfield announces 2020 graduation walk order

According to MSD, the following is the graduation walk order for the 2020 class of Northfield Jr./Sr. High School:

- Jacob Alan Berkheis-
- James Lewis Black
- Victoria JoLee Bogert Alixandir
- Madison Olivia Clark Quentin Dean Dale
- Noah Dawson Denton
- Seth M. Forsyth ■ Levi James Fulkerson ■ Katrina Nichole Gal-
- Donald Weldon Gase
- Brittin Aleka Golliher
- Mackenzie Leigh
- Samuel Scott Green
- Allysa Ann Haupert ■ Adrianna M. Fish- Pictured is last year's graduating class throwing their caps.
- back-Hershberger ■ Graydon Holmes
- Cameron L. Johnson ■ Liam Anders Johnson
- Bianca Lynn Kinzie ■ Allison
- Zakkary Edward Lee ■ Fayth Noel Leming
- Jasper Panugalinog Long
- Paige Makenzie Macy Zebahdiah Martin
- Laurie Beth McDon-
- Alyssa Renee McK-
- illip ■ Trinnity Mitchell
- Morgan Austine Mey-
- Joshua Todd Montel ■ Devin Ray Nelson
- Cayden Lee Penning-Kassidy Dawn Powell
- Ellie Lynn Proebstle ■ Braden Joseph Rip-
- plinger ■ Faye Ann Satterth- liams
- Caleb Q J Shadden ■ Madison





Provided photos

TOP RIGHT: Northfield Jr. / Sr. High School's graduation date has been set for 2 p.m. Sunday, July 19 in the gymnasi-Elizabeth um, 154 W. 200 North.

> **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Graduation practice for seniors has been set for 10 a.m. Saturday, July 18 at NHS.

Shrider

- Christie Michele
- Sparks ■ Kassidy Mae Stam-
- baugh ■ Mikenzie Alexis Till
- Jonah Douglas Tru-
- Parker Ellen Tysinger ■ Ariana Rae Varner
- Athena Kae Varner ■ Chase Waldron
- Samuel Gage Watkins
- Ross I. Watson ■ Isaiah O. Webb
- Briana Nicole Wil-■ Breanna D. Wittner
- Emma Grace Wynn



Northfield staff and administrators congratulate seniors

STAFF REPORT

According to MSD, Northfield staff and administrators had the following words of congratulations for graduating seniors:

Mr. McClure

"Seniors, Let life's challenges make you better instead of

Mrs. Pace

"Congratulations! You've worked hard to get to where you are today and you deserve a pat on the back! No matter where your life takes you (armed forces, college or workforce), always take pride in who you are. Congrats & Good Luck!"

Mrs. Corn

"I am so proud of the leadership of our 2020 Athletes. They stepped up and showed us what and how leadership is. I pray for their future as I know they will make a success in whatever field they choose. As this year was different for their graduation, I also know they will look past this and think about the importance of maintaining that leadership quality they possess. God speed to all of them."

Señora Oetting

"Estudiantes, jóvenes y queridos ... Ustedes han trabajado mucho este año y ya terminan las clases de la escuela secundaria. Ahora se gradúan y empiezan la vida. Ahora no son niños. Uds. son



More than two-thirds of the class went on a trip from March 8 to





The homecoming king and queen were crowned in September Students show their school spirit.

más y más independientes. mucho amor, les digo, !Buena Pueden decidir la dirección de tu vida. Yo (como todos los profesores) tengo mucho orgullo de cada uno de Uds. a tener éxito en las aventuras que vienen en el futuro. No deben tener miedo de probar cosas nuevas. Exploren Uds. el mundo. Es grande. !Hay posibilidades increíbles! Con

suerte!'

Mrs. Myers

"The NHS Class of 2020 Tengo confianza de que van is one of a kind. They are an outstanding group of students who have proven time and again that they are ready for anything this world throws their way. You all are wonderful, you're ready for the





NHS seniors pose with a new friend in New York NHS seniors in the middle of exploring the Big



world, and the world is ready for you to make it a better, brighter place. I will miss you more than you know! '

Mrs. Siders

"Dear Class of 2020, It's hard to believe you were my at NHS I bet some of you can I tortured you with back then. I wish you all the best as you

spread your wings in the real world. Special shout out to Fayth and Bre for being the best student aides. You will be missed! Love, Mrs. Siders"

Mr. Sincroft

"To my AP Language stufirst class of 8th graders here dents: May you successfully purge the term 'SOAPStone' still sing the Integer Song that from your brains as you move forward in life. To my yearbook seniors: How little

we knew back in the fall that 'Old & New' would be "new" beyond our wildest imaginations. To my Dual Credit English seniors: May you continue to live by the principle of 'Thoughtful YOLO.' To all Northfield seniors: I wish you all the best in the coming years. See. you July 19!"

Mike Keaffaber, superintendent

"Dear Northfield High School Class of 2020: Congratulations for persevering during the COVID-19 pandemic and graduating! Life can be challenging and this season of life will make you stronger. Randy Pausch, an American educator wrote, 'It's not about the cards you're dealt, but how you play the hand.' Good luck as you continue your life journey and utilize the skills you have learned during your school career."

